



# TRAFFIC ALERT

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## **ROADWATCH: Week of Oct. 24 - 30**

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. New information is noted by "###". For statewide traffic information for major roadways, dial 511 or visit [www.511Virginia.org](http://www.511Virginia.org).

### **EVENT TRAFFIC**

### \* **MARTINSVILLE RACE TRAFFIC** – Race fans traveling to the Martinsville Speedway this weekend for the TUMS Fast Relief 500 Weekend should follow recommended traffic patterns as posted on signs and message boards. Traffic is being routed to the speedway in certain patterns to minimize overall congestion as much as possible.

### **INTERSTATE 81**

### \* **INTERSTATE 81 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for pavement repairs and paving on northbound and southbound I-81 in Botetourt County between mile markers 151 and 156. Work will be performed during nighttime hours from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights. In addition, guardrail work may cause shoulder closures during daytime hours, Monday through Friday.

\* **INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for bridge patching on northbound and southbound I-81 at various locations between mile markers 150 in Botetourt County and 132 in Roanoke County. Work will be performed between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday.

### \* **INTERSTATE 81 GUARDRAIL REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, work to repair guardrail will cause shoulder and lane closures on I-81. Work is tentatively scheduled as follows:

- In Roanoke County, a left lane closure on southbound I-81 at mile marker 141 on Sunday, Oct. 25
- In Roanoke County, a right shoulder closure on northbound I-81 at mile marker 130 on Sunday, Oct. 25
- In Botetourt County, a left lane closure on southbound I-81 at mile marker 162 on Monday, Oct. 26

### \* **INTERSTATE 81 MOWING** – Weather permitting, crews may mow along northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 118 and 143 in Montgomery and Roanoke counties. Watch for workers along the roadway and possible shoulder closures during daylight hours.

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## **ROANOKE**

### \* **ROUTE 220 EXPRESSWAY BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Sunday, Oct. 25, the Route 220 Expressway bridge over Albemarle Avenue and the railroad tracks will be inspected. The bridge is located south of Elm Avenue. The inspection will cause various lane closures on northbound and southbound Route 220 Expressway between 7 a.m. and noon.

### \* **INTERSTATE 581/ROUTE 220 EXPRESSWAY TREE CUTTING** – Weather permitting, watch for shoulder closures and equipment along I-581 and Route 220 Expressway during daylight hours on weekdays. Workers will be cutting trees.

### \* **INTERSTATE 581/ROUTE 220 EXPRESSWAY SWEEPING** – Weather permitting, watch for mobile lane closures and slow moving vehicles on I-581 and Route 220 Expressway due to road sweeping. Traffic may be slowed in the northbound and southbound lanes and on the exit ramps. Work is tentatively scheduled during nighttime hours Sunday, Oct. 25 through Thursday, Oct. 29.

## **ROANOKE COUNTY**

\* **COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Work will include widening the travel lanes, adjusting curves, paving shoulders and constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Colonial Avenue and Penn Forest Boulevard. Intersection upgrades will be performed at Vest Drive and Girard Drive. The bridge over Mudlick Creek will be replaced with a pipe culvert. Colonial Avenue is closed to through traffic between Route 1593 (Vest Drive) and Route 1620 (Hazel Drive) in southwest Roanoke County. In addition, the intersection of Colonial Avenue and Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) is closed. Wet weather and utility work delayed the reopening of Colonial Avenue earlier this summer. The same factors have again delayed the reopening of the road until mid-October. Signs are posted detouring traffic around the closure. Estimated completion is August 2010.

\* **ROUTE 116 BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT** – Crews will be replacing the bridge deck on the Route 116 (Jae Valley Road) bridge over Back Creek. Drivers should watch for flaggers directing traffic from Route 939 (Aerospace Road) to the Roanoke City limits on weekdays during daylight hours.

### \* **MOWING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will mow various primary roads in Roanoke County. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays along the following routes:

- Route 116 (Jae Valley Road) from the Roanoke City limits to the Franklin County line.

\* **ROUTE 220 CURB AND SHOULDER REPAIR** – Work is underway on shoulders along northbound Route 220 between Route 674 (Clearbrook Lane) and Route 789 (Old Rocky Mount Road). Shoulder closures may be in place during daylight hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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**\* ROUTE 1315 (BRIDLE LANE) UTILITY WORK** – Weather permitting, utility work will cause lane closures at locations on Route 1315 (Bridle Lane). Work may impact traffic during daylight hours on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**\* ROUTE 1682 (SPRINGLAWN AVENUE) UTILITY WORK** – Weather permitting, watch for flaggers directing traffic on Route 1682 (Springlawn Avenue) between Route 613 (Merriman Road) and Route 907 (Ranchcrest Drive) during daylight hours on weekdays.

**### \* ROUTE 856 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Sunday, Oct. 25, the Route 856 (Summer View Drive) bridge over Tinker Creek will be inspected. The bridge is located near the Botetourt County line. Flaggers will control traffic on Route 856 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

**\* ROUTE 639 CULVERT INSTALLATION** – Route 639 (Harborwood Road) is now open to traffic near the intersection of Route 612 (Poor Mountain Road). However, motorists should watch for flaggers in this area on weekdays during daylight hours while crews finish paving.

**\* ROUTE 1034 CUL-DE-SAC INSTALLATION** - Weather permitting, crews will be installing a cul-de-sac at the end of Route 1034 (Chest Mountain Road). Drivers should watch for crews working in the right of way.

### **BEDFORD COUNTY**

**### \* ROUTE 43 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for paving on the section of Route 43 from Route 626 (Smith Mountain Lake Parkway) to Route 24 (Shingle Block Road) in the Huddleston area. Work will be performed during daytime hours. Traffic will be controlled with a pilot truck and flaggers. Motorist should watch for signs and use caution.

**### \* MOWING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will mow various routes in Bedford County. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays in these areas:

- Various secondary roads south of Route 460 in the Irving area
- Various roads in the New London, Huddleston and Big Island areas

**\* ROUTE 221 WIDENING** – Work is underway to widen a 2.2-mile section of Route 221 from just west of the Norfolk Southern Railroad to east of Route 663 west of Forest. The speed limit is reduced to 35 mph in this area. Traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction. **Motorists should watch for flaggers, signs and new traffic patterns.** Periodic nighttime lane closures may occur at various locations, Sunday through Thursday, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Work on this project will continue into late 2009.

**### \* PAVEMENT PATCHING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various roads in Bedford County. Watch for flaggers directing traffic during daylight hours on weekdays on the following roads:

- Route 43 in the Big Island area
- Route 644 (Coffee Road) in the Big Island area
- Route 756 (Bruno Drive) and Route 608 in the Smith Mountain Lake area
- Route 743 (Saunders Grove Road) and Route 682 (Kelso Mill Road)

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\* **ROUTE 907 DITCH REPAIR** – Weather permitting, crews will be repairing the ditch on Route 907 (County Park Road). Drivers should watch for shoulder and lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

### **BOTETOURT COUNTY**

### \* **ROUTE 220 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on weekdays during daylight hours on northbound and southbound Route 220 due to shoulder work at the entrance to Orchard Market Place. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

### **CARROLL COUNTY**

\* **ROUTE 52 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER LITTLE REED ISLAND CREEK** – A section of Route 52 is closed to through traffic due to work to replace the Route 52 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek. The bridge is located two miles north of Hillsville. The bridge is expected to be closed until sometime in November. Detours signs are in place.

\* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BRIDGE WORK** – As part of the current Hillsville Bypass construction project, a change in traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 in Hillsville. The eastbound Route 58 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek is closed for reconstruction. The bridge is located near Gardner Mill Road between the west limits of Hillsville and Interstate 77. The bridge is being widened, and the riding surface replaced. Route 58 traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes for about 0.8 mile, and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph.

\* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner's Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns around the Route 58 and Gardner's Mill Road intersection. The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner's Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.

### **CRAIG COUNTY**

\* **ROUTE 691 WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will be working on the section of Route 691 that starts at its intersection with Route 311 and extends to the end of state maintenance. Flaggers may control traffic on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### **FRANKLIN COUNTY**

### \* **ROUTE 122 PAVEMENT MARKING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for pavement marking and shoulder work on the newly paved section of Route 122 that starts just north of Route 666 and extends to the Bedford County line. Pavement marking will be performed during daytime hours.

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**\* ROUTE 122 & ROUTE 116 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is underway to improve the intersection of Route 122 and Route 116. Work will include the installation of a new traffic signal. Temporary lane closures may be in place at various locations in the work zone. Motorists should watch for signs and flaggers and use caution in the area. Estimated completion is November 2009.

**\* ROUTE 634 BRIDGE REPAIRS OVER LYNVILLE CREEK** – Work is underway to repair the bridge on Route 634 (Eton Road) over Lynville Creek east of Hardy Ford. Traffic will be controlled with a temporary signal, and vehicles wider than 9 feet will be prohibited. The speed limit will be 35 mph through the work zone. Motorists can expect delays and should use caution. Estimated completion is in December.

**\* ROUTE 602 (PIPE REPLACEMENT)** – Weather permitting, flaggers may direct traffic on Route 602 (Ferrum Mountain Road) at times between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays due to a pipe replacement.

**\* ROUTE 623 AND ROUTE 767 SHOULDER MAINTENANCE** – Motorists should watch for lane closures on Route 623 (Fairystone Park Road) and Route 767 (Prilliman Switch Road) on weekdays during daylight hours while crews perform shoulder maintenance.

**### \* ROUTE 662 BRUSH CUTTING** – Crews may cut brush along Route 662 (Salem School Road). Flaggers may direct traffic on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**\* ROUTE 682 IMPROVEMENTS** – Flaggers may direct traffic at times on Route 682 (Mountain Valley Road) due to road improvements. Drivers should expect possible delays and use caution on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**\* ROUTE 889 SURFACE TREATMENT** – Weather permitting, crews will be surface treating Route 889 (Glade Creek Road). Motorists should watch for signs on weekdays during daylight hours.

## **GILES COUNTY**

**### \* ROUTE 460 PAVEMENT REPAIRS** – A long-term lane closure will be put in place on eastbound Route 460 in Glen Lyn between Route 1308 (Houston Lane) and the West Virginia state line due to work to patch pavement. Weather permitting, the left lane of eastbound Route 460 will be closed starting the morning of Monday, Oct. 26 and will remain closed until the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 29.

## **HENRY COUNTY**

**\* ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work to replace the Route 220 Business bridge over the railroad tracks is underway. The bridge is located near the Route 87 intersection in Ridgeway. Route 220 Business is closed from Route 639 to Mica Road. Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure. Drivers should also watch for flaggers on Route 682 at its intersection with Route 701.

**\* ROUTE 650 RECONSTRUCTION** – Work is under way to reconstruct Route 650 (Irisburg Road) between Route 697 (Mitchell Road) and Route 625 (Poplar Fork Road). Drivers should watch for flaggers controlling traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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**\* ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

**### \* ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Monday, Oct. 26, the Route 220 Business bridge over Jones Creek and the railroad tracks will be inspected. The bridge is near Martinsville. The inspection will cause various lane closures on northbound and southbound Route 220 Business between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**\* ROUTE 114 WIDENING** – Work continues to widen a section of Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) in Christiansburg. The section of Route 114 extends between Stafford Street and Chrisman Mill Road near New River Valley Mall. Work will include widening Route 114 from two lanes to five, with two through lanes in each direction and a center turn lane. Traffic has been switched onto a new section of roadway and drivers should expect possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Shoulder closures are in place. Flaggers may direct traffic during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns in this work zone.

**\* ROUTE 639 RETAINING WALL CONSTRUCTION** – A section of Route 639 (Mount Pleasant Road) in Montgomery County is closed. The 0.2-mile section of Route 639 is located just west of its intersection with Route 637 (Alleghany Springs Road). The road will be closed until late October, so a retaining wall can be constructed along Elliott Creek. Traffic is being detoured onto Route 638 (Georges Run Road) until the retaining wall is completed.

**### \* ROUTE 655 PAVING** – Weather permitting, crews will pave on Route 655 (Mount Zion Road) from Toms Creek Road to Route 718 (Keisters Branch Road). Work will be performed Monday through Friday, between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Traffic will be controlled with flaggers and pilot cars. Drivers should expect delays.

### **PATRICK COUNTY**

**\* ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic.

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